EVENTS OF INTEREST IN CON-GRESS AND THE DEPARTMENTS.

Work of Congress.

Little progress has been made with any of the important bills before Congress. The silver repeal bill is stalled in the Senate, and the Bates silver repeal bill in the House can not be brought forward except by a rule of the Committee on Rules. The anti-option bills also drags its slow length along in the Senate, the subject of endless talk, Filbustering compelled the withdrawal of the bankruptcy bill in the House. - Representative Mutchler, of the Pension Committee, reported the pension appropriation bill carrying \$166,400,000, with many changes in existing laws designed to limit the future bounty of the government. --- Aramendment by Senator Hale to the navai bill authorizing the construction of twenty-one new ships was reported to the Senate. - The appropriation bills are all well advanced on the House calendar, and most of them show heavy cuts from last year's appropriations. -- Senator Frye has secured a compromise by which Representative Harter's shipping bill, with some changes and amendments, has been made acceptable to all interests, and will likely pass.

The House has ordered an investigation of the Whisky Trust and also of the fiscal operations in this country of the Panama Canal Company. --- In the Senate Mr. Chandler stepped to the front as an avowed Hawaiian annexationist, and if he had had his way the President would have been instructed to enter into negotiations with the representatives of the Provisional Government of the late kingdom. His way was blocked by Mr. White, who objected to immediate action. - The most prominent bills under discussion are the anti-option and national quarantine bills in the Senate, and the silver and bankruptcy bills in the House. A strong effort will be made to pass the last two bills.

Notes.

The House will soon begin its meetings

Seven contested election cases in this Congress have cost an aggregate of \$10,-

A flood of petitions in favor of opening the World's Fair on Sunday, is being poured upon Congress.

Much progress is being made in collecting and forwarding the Government's World's Fair exhibits.

The House Agricultural Committee doesn't propose to give the "rain makers" any money this season.

Cleveland man, will succeed Mr. Carlisle as Senator from Kentucky.

The White House was reopened to the public on the 30th ult., having been practically closed since December 24.

Senator Hill is preparing a speech on the anti-options bill in which he will advocate a law compelling every citizen to vote or pay a fine.

A bill has passed both houses of Congress to refer to the Court of Claims the claim of Jesse Benton Fremont to certain lands in San Francisco.

Democratic Senators will oppose the confirmation of Private Secretary Halford as Army Paymaster with the rank of Major, which is a life position.

Latest reports represent Mr. Blaine as speechless, and his family are hopeless of his recovery, but it is believed there is no danger of an immediate dissolution. Richard Rathbun, Assistant Fish

Commissioner, was appointed by Secretary Foster as the United States' representative on the International Fish Com-

The Kansas legislative Populists will elect a United States Senator, and the Democrats and Republicans will unite in electing a Democrat for the same office, who will probably be seated.

The Senate finally confirmed the nomination of Mr. McComas to be Judge of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, also that of Private Secretary Halford to be paymaster in the army.

The Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair wish Congress to issue \$10,-000 worth of souvenir quarters with Queen Isabella's head on one side and the World's Fair woman's building on the

# He Fired the First Shot.

Gen. Abner Doubleday died at Meadham, N. J., last week, aged 74 years. He was in Fort Sumter at the outbreak of the war, and aimed the first gun fired by the Union side in that great conflict. At Gettysburg he had command of the field on the third day of the battle, after General Reynolds' death, until General Hancock arrived to relieve him. He was appointed brigadier general of volunteers February 3, 1862. He took six flags at Antietam after hard fighting and also engaged in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He was made Major General in the regular army, and commanded in the west after the war. He retired in 1873. He was born at Ballston Spa, N. Y., June 26, 1819, and graduated at West Point.

Car Works Seized.

The plant of the Erie Car Company, limited, at Erie, Pa., representing an investment of \$500,000, has been seized by the Sheriff upon executions in favor of Erie bankers aggregating \$102,000. The works cover ten acres of ground, and the company also has a large furnace at St. Ignace, Mich. The latter enterprise is alleged to have been the cause of the failure. The Erie plant had underway a large contract for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Bayard and Harrity.

The visit of ex-Secretary Bayard to Mr. Cleveland at Lakewood, N. J., has set in motion the rumor that he will again be Secretary of State in the Democratic cabinet. Chairman Harrity, of the Democratic National Committee, was also at Lakewood this week, and the Cabinet makers have it that he will be Postmaster-General

THE GREAT REPUBLICAN LEADER DIED AT WASHINGTON.

Worldwide Interest - The Country Mourning-Record of a Career matched in American History Both Success and Adversity.

Hon, James G. Blaine died at Washington, at 11 o'clock, on the 27th inst., of the disease that has so long sapped his strength. The end came very peacefully, the sick statesman passing by almost imperceptible degrees from the state of unconsciousness to that of death. The members of Blaine's family were at his bedside when the end came and received with the anguish which only bereaved ones can know, the knowledge that the long, brave fight against the inevitable was over, at last. The immediate cause of death was stated by the physicians to be heart failure, but this was a mere incident of the organic complaint with which he had long been afflicted. This complaint was Bright's disease of a peculiar form.

James Gillespie Blaine was born on Jan 31, 1830, in West Brownsville, Washington County, Pa. He came from noted Scotch-Irish stock, his ancestors having been among the pioneers who, a century and a half ago, ascended the great limestone valley in which Carlisle is situated, and founded the village. Mr. Blaine's grandfather, Col. Ephraim Blaine, was an officer in the Revolution. ary Army. His son, Ephraim L. Blaine, was married to Miss Maria Gillespie, a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church. They had seven children-five boys and two girls. The second of these five sons was James Gillespie Blaine.

Young Blaine was educated at Washington College, and was prominent at school for his bright intellect and physica! vigor. He graduated in 1847, and went to Blue Lick Springs, Ky., and became a professor in the Western Military Institute. Here he met Miss Harriet Stanwood, of Maine, who afterward became supplies.

Pennsylvania and took up the study of law. In 1853 he moved to Augusta, Me. In 1854 he entered into partnership with Joseph Baker, a prominent lawyer of the city, and the two purchased the Kennebec Journal, of which Mr. Blaine at once became the editor, and made it a prominent organ of the Whig party. In 1857 he became editor of the Portland Daily Advertiser. In 1856 he was a delegate to the first Republican National Convention. In 1858 he was elected to the Maine Legislature. He rapidly made a reputation as an orater and parliamentarian, and was soon the Republican leader of the State, being chosen chairman of the Republican State Committee in 1856, which position he held for twenty years, In 1862, Blaine was elected to Congress from the Kennebec district by 3,000 majority, and he was re-elected to each succeeding Congress until he was transferred Ex-Judge William Lindsay, a strong to the Senate in 1876. He soon took rank as one of the most vigorous debaters and astute parliamentarians in the

Mr. Blaine was Speaker of the Fortyfirst, Forty second and Forty-third Congresses, and in that position achieved a great and enduring reputation. He did not add to his reputation in the Senate, the atmosphere of which did not suit his

aggressive ability. Mr. Blaine was a candidate for the Presidential nomination in 1876, and came within twenty-seven votes of being successful. His vote increased from 291 on the first ballot to 351 on the seventh, but he was beaten by a combination against him of the delegates supporting Morton, Conkling. Hartranft, Bristow and Hayes, who united upon Hayes and made him the nominee.

In 1880 Mr. Blaine was one of the leading candidates at the Chicago Convention. Out of a total of 755 votes he received on the first ballot 284 votes. On the thirteenth and fourteenth ballots he received his highest vote, 285, which gradually declined to 267 on the thirtyfifth ballot. On the thirty-sixth ballot Gen. Garfield was nominated by a combination of the elements opposed to Gen. Grant and a third term.

When the Republican Convention met in 1884, in Chicago, it was clear that Mr. Blaine had lost none of his hold upon the party. On the first ballot he received 334+ votes, and he continued to gain until he was nominated on the fourth ballot by a vote of 541, of which 400 came from Northern States. The election turned upon the result in New York, which was lost to Mr. Blaine by 1,047 votes, Dr. Burchard's alliterative speech about "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" being credited with having large influence in consing his defeat.

Blaine cold have received the Republican nomination in 1888, but declined the honor on account of the state of his

In many respects, Blaine's greatest work and the most beneficial to the country, was done as Secretary of State. He was the leading figure in Garfield's short administration, but resigned three months after his death. He was again appointed Secretary of State by President Harrison, but resigned in May, 1892, to become a candidate for President in opposition to Harrison at Minneapolis. As Secretary of State, his efforts to promote peace and commerce with South America, and to unite the republics of the western hemisphere in a commercial and fraternal union against Europe, gave rise to a distinctive policy, which was followed by the Pan-American Congress at Washington. The reciprocity idea as a means of extending American trade must also be credited to Blaine's influence. His mind seemed to broaden, and his intellect grow more statesmanlike as age advanced, and, but for his failing health, and the domestic sorrow that broke his heart, there is little doubt that he would have achieved his supreme ambition of becoming President of the United States.

the literature of his time. He was a brilliant writer and his "Twenty Years of Congress" is a monument to his industry and ability,

The news of his death was received with interest and sorrow not only in every community in our land but throughout the civilized world. President Harrison issued a proclamation as a tribute to his memory. President-elect Cleveland sent to Mrs. Blaine a message of condolence, containing a high tribute to her husband's character. The legislature of most of the States adopted resolutions of respect and admiration for

the dead statesman. Mr. Blaine died in the Protestant faith, and was buried with the rites of the Presbyterian Church. There is no doubt that his brother and sister, who are devout Catholics, desired to see him receive the last rites of the church of his mother, but this was denied them.

REVOLUTION IN HAWAII.

An American President and a Cry for Annexation.

A bloodless revolution has overthrown the Hawaiian Government in the Sandwich Islands. Queen Lilioukalani has been deposed, a provisional government has been established with S. B. Dole, an American, as President, and has been recognized by all governments except England, and a commission of five members has reached Washington to beg for annexation to the United States. The cause of the revolution was the attempt of Queen Lilioukalani to force her cabinet to sign a new constitution disfranchising all foreigners. This led to the formation of a Committee of Safety, who speedily forced the Queen to resign and disbanded her government. Order was preserved by 300 armed men landed from the U. S. steamer Boston. The demand for annexation has created much interest at Washington. It is believed that some sort of American protectorate will be arranged.

The deposed Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, issued a proclamation in which she protests against the provisional government and declares that she only yields to the superior force of the United States. Joseph O. Carter, one of the commissioners sent by the provisional government of Hawaii to make a proposition of annexation to the United States Government, said the new government wishes to be annexed to the United States as a Territorial District. The general sentiment in Washington seems to be favorable to the annexation. Many Senators and R presentatives come out openly for it. The United States steamship Mohican has set sail from San Francisco for Honolulu; the Ranger and the Adams were ordered to be gotten in readlness for their departure to Hawaii, and the coast defence vessel Monterey was ordered to Mare Island Navy Yard to take on its

The British Government, on learning After two years Blaine returned to the news, promptly telegraphed Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister, to file a vigorous protest against American occupation of the island. A serious diplomatic difficulty is feared.

#### Mr. Cleveland Wants His Time.

In an interview with newspaper men recently, President-elect Cleveland said: "The date is now at hand when I must have more time to myself than I have had since the election. Thus far the most of my time has been devoted to interviews which have been by no means unpleasant nor unprofitable, but other things are now pressing upon me which require my uninterrupted consideration. I wish, therefore, you would say for me through the press, that after February 4 I shall remain at Lakewood, where I hope to be undisturbed in the work which will imperatively demand my attention. I also especially desire it understood that from now until the 4th of March letters should be addressed to me at the Mills Building, New York."

The funeral of Mr. Blaine took place on Monday, and he was buried with the rites of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Hamlin, of the Church of the Covenant, conducting the services. He was

Mr. Blaine's Funeral.

buried beside his son Walker and daughter Alice, in the beautiful Oak Hill Cemetery, on the West Washington Heights. The pallbearers were all personal friends of the deceased. Admission to the Church of the Covenant, where the services were held, was by card. The President, members of the Cabinet, the Diplomatic Corps, and most of the distinguished public men in Washington were present at the services. Mrs. James A. Garfield was present.

### A Serious Explosion.

Escaping oil from the gas works at Frankford, Ky., was the cause of a terrific explosion. One of a crowd of men standing near the mouth of a sewer wondered why the water looked so greasy and dropped a lighted match into the oil. A terrific explosion followed. One man had his right hand blown off.

The oil in the sewer continued to explode underground, tearing up block after block of sidewalks, smashing the glass in the houses on either side of the streets. The fire department could do nothing. The gas works had to be shut down, leaving the city in darkness.

A Town Over a Burning Mine.

Honey Brook, a little town seven miles west of Hazleton, Pa., is in danger of de struction and its inhabitants of being hurled into a burning mine. From the crevices along the streets, caused by recent settling of the earth, gas and steam are arising in great volumes, leaving no doubt about the existence of a great fur nace underneath. Many houses have been strained and bent by fissures in the earth. In some cases plastering has been entirely removed from the walls. Two barns have almost entirely disappeared

Congress has adjourned five times

Prominent Men Rapidly Dying.

since the holiday recess in honor of distinguished persons. Five deaths have occurred within twenty days. The first was that of Senator Gibson, of Louisiana; the second that of Senator Kenna, of West Virginia. Next was the death of ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes, Mr. Blaine also made a reputation in and after him that of Judge L. Q. C Lamar, of the Supreme Court. Then came the death of that eminent states man, Hon. James G. Blaine.

> Troops May Be Called Out. The boiler makers' strike at the Brooks' Locomotive Company's Works in Dun-

kirk, N. Y., has assumed so serious an aspect that it is feared a resort to arms may be necessary to quell it. The Thirteenth Separate Company at Jamestown, and the Seventy-fourth Regiment of Buffalo have been ordered to be in readiness to move to the scene of disturbance on short notice.

An Iron Company Fails. The Pottstown, Pa., Iron Company has failed, with liabilities of over \$2,000,000, It will be continued under a receiver.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Several cases of small-pox have been reported at Reading, Pa.

Seven-year-old Ernest Turpin, son of a New Orleans merchant, has been kidnapped by Sicilians.

Typhus fever has appeared in Bellevus Hospital, New York, and the building has been quarantined.

The Blaine Club of Chicago have started a movement to erect a monument to James G. Blaine in that city.

A bridge half a mile long will be built across the Mississippi, near New Orleans, with \$5,000,000 of Chicago capital. Louisiana will be opposed to the an-

sible effect it will have upon sugar. As temporary successor to the late Bishop Phillips Brooks, Bishop Courtney of Nova Scotia has been designated.

nexation of Hawaii, because of the pos-

Masked moonshiners near Anniston, Ala., whipped C. W. Cotton and son, supposed informers, and shot Mrs. Cotton in the knee, Fined for refusing to have his daugh

ter vaccinated, Joseph N. Belden, of Bridgeport, Conn., will test the law in a high court. By an explosion in a coal mine at

prisoned in the burning mine and are believed to have perished. Postmaster-General Wanamaker has ordered that the Postoffice Building be draped because of the death of ex-Post-

Tokod, Hungary, over 100 men were im-

master General Campbell. The western window glass manufacturers have formed a trust under the name of the National Glass Company,

with headquarters at Milwaukee. Phillips Brooks' successor as Bishop of Massachusetts is likely to be either Rev. Dr. W. R. Huntington or Rev. Dr. Henry Y. Satterlee, of New York.

Baggage and transfer companies along the New York Central Railroad have combined as the Consolidated Transfer Company, with \$1,500,000 capital.

President-elect Cleveland was initiated as an honorary member of the Signa Chi fraternity at his office in New York, The ceremonies were simple and private. The damage to the annex roof of the

Manufactures Building of the World's Fair, which was broken in by the weight of the snow and ice is estimated at from \$3,000 to \$4,000. Governor Werts vetoed the bill passed

by the New Jersey Legislature to deprive the Republican Mayor of Jersey City of the power to appoint a City Attorney and Corporation Counsel. There is quite a movement on foot in

Georgia to press the name of District Judge Emory Speer, of the Southern District, for the Supreme Bench vacancy made by the death of Justice Lamar. James Woodward, who tried to obtain

money on a forged check for \$80,000 in Albany, gave himself up in New York and was held for a hearing with George M. Nesbit who is charged for the forgery. Italy now has a scandal, the name of

ex-Minister Crispi being mixed up in the bank scandals that are agitating Rome and Naples. It is believed large sums of money were paid to political intriguers. The German Commissioners to the

World's Fair at Chicago have refused to join the international club, which is composed of foreign commissioners, as they believe it to be a Franco-Russian scheme. Over fifty members of the State Board of Agriculture of Pennsylvania signed a petition to President-elect Cleveland,

asking him to appoint Congressman

Hatch, of Missouri, Secretary of Agri-Governor Werts surprised the New Jersey Democrats by sending in to the Senate the name of William Walter Phelps, present Minister to Germany, to be Lay Judge of the Court of Errors and

Appeals. Frank Duffy, an old-time New York politician, and keeper of a saloon at Fourth avenue and Ninety-second street. shot George Cunningham, a boy of 19 years, through the heart. The murderer, when arrested, expressed satisfaction at

the deed. The murdered body of a colored woman, Ella Floyd, 23 years old, a housekeeper for George Morris, colored, 65 years old, was found buried beneath a foot and a half of dirt in the cellar of 809 Locust street, Camden. Detectives are hunting for Morris.

In February the Inman steamship Line will cease to exist and the City of Paris, City of New York and two new ships to be built for the International Navigation Company will be known as the Paris, New York, Berlin and Chester. They will fly the American flag.

Miss Ella Sherwood was married t Mr. J. F. Langdon at Baltimore, interference on the part of the young woman's father having been prevented by having the old gentleman locked up on a charge of disorderly conduct while the ceremony was being performed.

Paymaster Theodore Hill, of the New York and New Jersey Railroad, has mysteriously disappeared. He lived at Hackensack, N. J., and had been a valued employee of the company for twelve years. His accounts being straight it is believed that he has met with foul

The suits of the State of Pennsylvania to recover from the city of Philadelphia over a million dollars of State funds embezzled by Bardsley in the shape of taxes in municipal loans and personal property is being tried at Harrisburg. The city is endeavoring to show that Bardsley was the State's agent, and that the city is not

A Straw-Paper Trust. The Columbia Straw-Paper Company,

having a capital stock of \$4,000,000, lately

organized under the laws of New Jersey,

has bought the largest straw wrapping

paper mills of the Central City Paper Company, of Jackson, Mich., for about \$40,000. The combine began to organize in July, but has only just completed arrangements. Options were obtained upon 75 plants in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Dakota. Forty-one mills have been bought, but some will be abandoned because they do not possess good ship-

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